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1. FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR TOLD ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS DURING THEIR MEETING MARCH 17 THAT HE FEARS THAT REGIONAL

ELECTIONS, WHICH HE BELIEVES ARE LIKELY TO BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8, WILL INTERFERE WITH HIS ATTENDANCE AT IEA AND OECD MINISTERIALS. RUMOR SAID THAT SINCE ELECTIONS WILL BE OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO ITALY HE COULD NOT ABSENT HIMSELF DURING THE FINAL STAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN. IF THE ELECTION DATE IS JUNE 8 HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO ASK UNDER SECRETARY BATTAGLIA TO REPRESENT GOI IN PARIS.

2. GOVERNMENT "SUMMIT" MEETING MARCH 17 DECIDED THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD EITHER JUNE 8 OR JUNE 15, BUT FINAL DECISION POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 24.VOLPE

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